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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF THE ARMED FORCES

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THE US EMBASSY IN LISBON REPORTS THAT THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE CURRENT CRISIS WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY. THE COUNCIL IS ESSENTIALLY A GROUP OF CONSERVATIVE-TO-MODERATE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TRYING TO ACT AS A BRAKE ON THE YOUNGER, MORE-RADICAL MINDED OFFICERS IN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT.

ASIDE FROM VAGUE PRESS DESCRIPTIONS, THE FUNCTION OF SUPERIOR COUNCIL HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED TO THE GENERAL

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PUBLIC. IT IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES HEADS IT. ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA, SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL-DOMINATED COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND THE MILITARY COMMANDER FOR LISBON. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDE PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES AND FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET.

PRESIDENT GOMES MAY BE USING THE COUNCIL TO GAIN GREATER CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. THE COUNCIL HAS, IN FACT, RECENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE BE ABOLISHED. THE COUNCIL ALSO ALLOWS THE PRESIDENT TO BRING MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS OF THE AFM. E-2 IMPDET.H 25X1A9a

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